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SUBJECT: ALLON KNESSET STATEMENT ON JANUARY 12 UNSC DEBATE

1. FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL GOI TEXT OF DECEMBER 31 ALLON
KNESSET STATEMENT ON THE JANUARY 12 UNSC DEBATE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. I SHALL RELATE BRIEFLY TO THE SUBJECT--
ISRAEL'S POSITION AS REGARDS THE SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION OF
12 JANUARY. AS THE HOUSE WELL KNOWS, THIS SESSION WAS BORN
IN SIN--THE SIN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF
30 NOVEMBER 1975, WHICH IN FACT CONSTITUTED A STEP OF
APPEASEMENT, IF NOT OF SURRENDER, TO SYRIAN BLACKMAIL AND
SOVIET PRESSURE. IF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TRULY INTENDED
TO PROMOTE THE MATTER OF PEACE IN THE REGION, IT SHOULD
HAVE REFRAINED FROM BINDING THE TECHNICAL RESOLUTION ON
THE RENEWAL OF THE UNDOF MANDATE WITHALL THE NEGATIVE AND
IRRELEVANT ELEMENTS THAT IT SAW FIT TO INCLUDE IN THAT
RESOLUTION. AND PRECEISELY BECAUSE ISRAEL IS INTERESTED
IN FOSTERING THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE BETWEEN US AND THE
ARAB COUNTRIES, THE GOVVERNMENT OF ISRAEL DECIDED ON 1 DEC
NO TO COOPERATE IN ANY MANNER WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEBATE PLANNED FOR 12 JANUARY, OR WITH
THE STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
REGARDING THE INVITATION OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES TO THAT
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DEBATE.

3. MEMBERS OF THE KNESSET: IN ITS INDEFATIGABLE STRIVING FOR PEACE, ISRAEL IS READY TO EXAMINE ANY REALISTIC PATH THAT CAN TRULY PROMOTE THE PROSPECTS OF A JUST PEACE BETWEEN US AND OUR NEIGHBORS--A PEACE THAT CARRIES WITH IT SECURITY AND STABILITY FOR ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED. BUT, JUST AS THE CONFLICT IS BETWEEN US AND OUR NEIGHBORS--SO MUST ALSO THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR ITS SOLUTION BE BETWEEN THE SIDES. FOR THIS REASON WE GAVE OUR CONSENT TO NEGOTIATE ACCORDING TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, AND ARE STEADFAST IN THIS. AND FOR THIS REASON WE OPPOSED, AND SHALL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE, THE REMOVAL OF THE DISCUSSION FROM THE DOMAIN OF THE PARTIES, AND ITS TRANSFERENCE TO A DIFFERENT FRAMEWORK, WHATEVER IT MAY BE.

4. THE INTENTION OF THE INITIATORS OF THE DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON 12 JANUARY IS PRECISELY THIS: TO EMOVE THE DISCUSSION FROM THE DOMAIN OF THE PARTIES--IN CONCRETE TERMS, FROM THE GENEVA CONFERENCE-- AND TRANSFER IT TO A FRAMEWORK WHICH IS ONE OF THE LEAST SUITABLE--THE SECURITY COUNCIL--WHILE INVITING THE ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF THE PLO TO THE DEBATE.

5. ISRAEL HAS NO INTEREST IN ABETTING THIS TRANSPARENT INTENTION--AND WE ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS. THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, TOO, VOICED A SIMILAR POSITION IN THE STATEMENT HE MADE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON 30 NOVEMBER. WE HAVE NO REASON WHATSOEVER TO COOPERATE WITH THIS INTENTION OF OUR ENEMIES AND OUR OPPONENTS--THEREBY GIVING IT REINFORCEMENT IT DOES NOT DESERVE. THE MIDDLE EAST DEBATE THAT WILL OPEN IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TIME WILL BE NOTHING BUT A BARREN PROPAGANDA EXERCISE--WHICH, IN THE FINAL COUNT, IS LIABLE ONLY TO HARM THE TRUE INTERESTS AND THE TRUE BENEFIT OF THE NATIONS OF THE REGION. ISRAEL WILL NOT LEND A HAND TO THIS. END TEXT
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